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WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

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JFK's Giancana Connection

WASHINGTON--Before the public, the Senate Intelligence Committee has put on a united front, but behind closed doors, the members got into a brouhaha over the explosive report on attempted CIA assassinations.

The Senators argued over what the report should say about the late President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Robert.

Chairman Frank Church (D-Ida.) felt the evidence was too weak to implicate the Kennedys in the plots to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. But Sen. Barry Goldwater, (R-Ariz.) believed the Kennedys must have known about it. The report was held up for several weeks while the Senators tried to pin down more details.

Some Democrats also tried to delete from the report all references to a Kennedy campaign volunteer, named Judith Campbell, who had telephoned President Kennedy at the White House several times from the home of the late mobster Sam Giancana. She was also acquainted with another mobster, John Roselli.

Giancana and Roselli happened to be the two Mafia figures who were involved in the plots against Castro.

Campbell gave the committee a deposition swearing that she knew nothing about the assassination plots. President Kennedy also cut off all contact with the woman after the late FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover warned him of her mobster associations.

Some Senators felt,

therefore, that the Campbell affair should not be mentioned in the report. But the majority agreed this might be cited as evidence of a cover-up. So the episode was included. Only the woman's name was omitted.

Match Game: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has started a new national guessing game. Who will be her next husband?

Her associates are certain of only one thing: He'll be rich. They tell us Jackie is more interested in Money than men. She has an obsession about money.

As First Lady, she always spent more than the late President Kennedy earned. She spent \$105,446.14 during her first year in the White House, \$121,461.61 the following year. She squandered more than \$40,000 a year on clothes alone. The rest went for food, liquor, jewelry, art and beauty treatments.

Her spending habits became even more extravagant after she married the Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis. One month, she turned in a \$5,000 bill for messenger service. Another time, she submitted a \$6,000 bill for the care and feeding of her pets.

Onassis also got a \$9,000 bill for gown from Valentino's of Room. He complained afterwards that he couldn't figure out what she did with all the clothes, because he never saw her in anything but blue jeans.

We found out, however, what she does with her costly clothes. Our reporters spent a week in New York City running down the facts. Jackie resells her clothing and squirrels away the cash.

She peddles everything from coats, suits, and gowns to pocketbooks, blouses and slacks. The labels are the best. Sometimes she demands a fixed price. Other times, she accepts whatever the market will bear.

Once it took the Encore Shop six months to sell a white coat, with a Valentino's label, at the price Jackie demanded.

Promises, Promises: Two years ago, former President Richard Nixon pledged to donate his San Clemente estate to the American people after his death.

We have checked with the National Park Service, General Services Administration and other agencies which might receive the gift. Apparently, no one in the government has heard another word from Nixon about his seaside estate. Sources close to Nixon acknowledge that he has made no move to bequeath his estate to the public. His attorneys refused to comment.

The former President also promised some time ago to pay back tax assessments and penalties totalling \$148,080.97 for the year

1969, even though the three-year statute of limitations had run out. The U.S. Treasury has yet to receive a penny of the promised payment.

Fuelishness: President Ford has called upon Americans to sacrifice to save fuel. But we have discovered, on at least two occasions, that noisy aircraft have been diverted so they wouldn't interfere with the President's outdoor television appearances.

When the President swore in Donald Rumsfeld as the new Defense Secretary, for example, planes flying into nearby National Airport were diverted away from the Pentagon. At least two planes were kept circling, burning precious fuel.

A few weeks before that, planes were diverted while the President spoke at the Arlington National Cemetery. A White House spokesman told us the President was unaware that planes had been diverted during his outdoor appearances and that he had given explicit orders to prevent it from happening again.

Oswald Files: The FBI has turned over to the Senate Intelligence Committee 69 suppressed documents on the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald before he allegedly gunned down the late President Kennedy in Dallas. The CIA has also opened up its Oswald files to the Committee.